Issue of complimentary tickets

3262. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer the answer to Unstarred Question 1022 given in the Rajya Sabha on 21st March, 1995 and state:

(a) the names and occupation of the persons and reasons for issuing complimentary passes|tickets by Air India and Indian Airlines;

(b) the names and occupation of the persons and reasons for issuing complimentary passes|tickets by the Ministry of Civil Aviation ond Tourism; and

(c) the names and occupation of the persons and reasons for issuing complimentary passes|tickets, under the discrationary power of the Minister of Civil Aviation and Tourism by the Department of Tourism?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Permission to foreign travel Agencies to Work in India

3263. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that number of foreign travel agencies have been allowed to work in India independently or in collaboration with the Indian companies; and

(b) if so, what are the names of such companies, the country of their origin and the broad nature of their operation in India?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) After the introduction of the new Industrial Policy, approval for foreign investment|collaboration for travel agencies has been granted through RBI|SIA to the following:

Name of the Company	Country of foreign investor/collaborator
1. M/s Tara Voyages Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi	France
2. M/s Japan Airlines Co. Ltd., New Delhi	Japan
3. M/s Artou Voyages Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi	Switzerland
4. M/s Odyssey Cruises Ltd., Bombay	U.K.
5. M/s Abercrombie & Kent India Pvt. Ltd., N. Delhi	U.S.A.
6. M/s Amadeus India Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi	Germany
7. M/s Tourismo India Servizi Touristici, Jaipur	Italy
8. M/s P.L. Worldways Ltd., Madras	U.K.
9. M/s Shivpuri Travel & Tours Pvt. Ltd., Bombay	Nepal
10. M/s P & O Travel India Pvt. Ltd., Bombay	Netherlnds

A travel agency mainly handles domestic/international ticket in passports, visas and other travel related matters. In addition, they may also bandle inbound tours and make all the ground handling arrangements for the tourists.

Development of Religious Tourist Spots In Gujarat

3264. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to develop the places of religious importance in Gujarat as important tourist spots;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds allocated for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The Committee on Pilgrim Tourism constituted by the Government of India in 1992 for improving basic amenities and tourism infrastructure had identified certain places of pilgrimage for develoment. In the State of Gujarat, the identified places are Dwarka, Palitana and Udwada near Vapi. There is no proposal at present with the Government of India received from the State Government for the development of these identified centres. However, the details of projects sanctioned earlier in the identified religious places/placed below:

Year	Scheme	Amount sanctioned
1985-86	Cafeteria at Dwarka	6 25 lakhs
1990-91	Wayside amenities at Vapi	15.18 lakhs

Schemes for Attracting Tourists

3265. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of tourists visiting Jammu and Kashmir has become almost negligible due to constant unrest in the State;

(b) if so, whether Government have formulated any scheme for the development of other States having capacity of attracting tourists;

(c) the names of State which have sought help from the Central Government in this regard; and

(d) the quantum of help provided by the central Government in this connection, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) The development of tourism in each State is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Governments and it is not dependent on the developments in any other State. The amounts sanctioned to different States